GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Landing Facilities at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 300 such airports in the country where no taking off or landing flights take place and whether the Government has to spend a considerable amount of money annually on their maintenance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is making any efforts to revamp improve the functioning of such airports through new aviation policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) & (b) As per information available, there are a total number of 476 airports in the country. This includes operational and non-operational airports, airstrips etc. owned by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), Defence, State Governments, private parties etc. AAI owns and manages only 125 airports which include 26 Civil Enclaves and 30 are nonoperational airports. Statement indicating expenditure incurred on 30 non-operational airports during the year 2014-15 is give at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The Draft Civil Aviation Policy envisages construction of No-Frills airports as well as Greenfield/Brownfield airports by AAI, State Government or under PPP mode.